(c) whether during the seminar organised by the Indian Medical Association, they had warned against the unchecked use of herbals by unqualified practitioners; and

(d) if so, the follow-up action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Cosmetics are required to be manufactured under licence granted by State Drugs Control Authorities under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. The standard for cosmetics are prescribed by BIS from time to time.

(c) and (d) Indian Medical Association (IMA) stated that they have not organized any such seminar during the last one year. However, IMA, in different forums, has been repeatedly warning against the unchecked use of herbals and all other medication by unqualified practitioners.

Discrimination against AIDS/HIV positive persons

59. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pune-based (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) group of AIDS/HIV positive persons is lobbying for an end of discrimination of the victims by the society and hospitals; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard so that apathy in providing proper medical care to such victims is removed and guidelines issued so that hospitals all over the country do not spurn such AIDS/ HIV patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power is a New York based organisation working in Pune for reduction and elimination of discrimination against People Living With HIV/AIDS.

(b) Government have initiated a three pronged action to eliminate apathy in providing proper medical care to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA):

1. A comprehensive training programme is being undertaken by State AIDS Control Societies for medical and Paramedical care providers in public hospitals to sensitise them about (A) universal precautions, (B) anti-retro viral exposure prophylaxis in the event of accidental exposure to HIV/AIDS, (C) removal of discrimination and the management of AIDS and AIDS related morbidity.

2. Government of India also issued guidelines to all the State AIDS Control Societies to provide information and training to medical and paramedical personnel as well as NGOs in providing care and support to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) without any stigma/discrimination.

3. The People Living With HIV/AIDS are being involved in planning and decision making by including them in various national and State level Committees. The Government also encourages them to form networks and self help groups to facilitate support to PLWHA.

Work culture in AIIMS

†60. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIIMS has deviated from its basic mission of medical research and training as set by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the policies are not complied with seriously in AIIMS affecting thereby its work culture to a great extent; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Institute imparts short-term/long term training to the Indian Nationals/foreign nationals as well as WHO foreign and WHO in country fellows. During the year 1999-2000, the publications in Journals and chapter, books and monographs were-792 and 260 respectively. New P.G. courses in the specialised Cardiac Anesthesia, Neuro-Anesthesia, Neuro-Radiology, Haematopothology and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.